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5 Applicant(s): MARKS, ET AL. Examiner: Meagan J. Thomasson
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For: METHOD OF PLAYING A SLOT MACHINE GAME .
 (“DIRECTIONAL WILDS”)

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FIRST AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner for Patents
Alexandria, VA 22313

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Ms. Thomasson:

 This First Amendment under 37 C.F.R. 1.111 is a response to the Office Action mailed August 24, 2006, (“Office Action”) having a three-month shortened statutory period of response expiring upon November 24, 2006.

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 Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims begin on Page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on Page 4 of this paper.